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SUBJ: CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING - DRAFT TEXT OF
FINAL COMMUNIQUE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CENTO SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT OF THE
FINAL PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT: ANKARA, MAY 23, 1975 -- THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION (CENTO) HELD ITS
22ND SESSION IN ANKARA ON MAY 22-23, 1975.

THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY:

IRAN:

H.E. DR. ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PAKISTAN: H.E. MR. AZIZ AHMED, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

TURKEY: H.E. MR. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIR
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UNITED KINGDOM: THE RT. HON. ROY HATTERSLEY, M.P., MINISTER OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

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UNITED STATES: THE HON. DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY H.E. MR. UMIT HALUK
BAYULKEN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION.

THE SESSION WAS INAUGURATED BY THE MESSAGE OF H.E.
MR. FAHRI KORUTURK, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

FOLLOWING AN ADDRESS BY HE. MR. SULEYMAN DEMIREL,
PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY
THE LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
CENTO, EXPRESSING THEIR THANKS FOR THE GRACIOUS MESSAGE OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND FOR THE WARM
HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

H. E. MR. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL, FOREIGN MINISTER
OF TURKEY, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT,
PRESIDED AT THE SESSION.

IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS, HELD IN A CORDIAL AND
FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, THE COUNCIL EXAMINED THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION SINCE THEIR MEETING LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON
AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT PEACE, STABILITY AND ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WERE MAINTAINED IN THE CENTO REGION.
THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT MANY PROBLEMS
POSING A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE STILL REMAINED UNRESOLVED.
DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO
MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE CENTO REGION AND THE MINISTERS
REVIEWED INTENSIVELY THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER PROMOTING
COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN ALL POSSIBLE FIELDS.

THE MINISTERS, ASSERTING THAT THEIR EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND
STABILITY WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE, CONFIRMED THEIR
SUPPORT FOR ALL CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS THAT WOULD HELP STRENGTHEN
THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ALSO MADE STATEMENTS REGARDING
PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SECURITY WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THEIR
COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR FIRM SUPPORT FOR RESPECT FOR THE
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PRINCIPLES AND THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND STRESSED
THE NECESSITY OF STRENGTHENING ITS ROLE IN THE SERVICE OF
WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY.

THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, CONDUCIVE TO THE SETTLEMENT
OF THEIR DISPUTES.

HAVING REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE PROLONGED CONFLICT IN THE AREA CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND EMPHASIZED THE URGENT NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST, HONOURABLE AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 22, 1967.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) AND THE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION (MBFR). THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE FURTHER STAGES LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENUINE PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND THAT THE DETENTE ATTAINED IN EUROPE WOULD LEAD TO A RELAXATION OF TENSION IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS STRESSED THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO REGION CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EUROPEAN SECURITY.

THE MINISTERS NOTED THE PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST YEAR TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT AND POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING THE TALKS CARRIED OUT IN VARIOUS FIELDS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA WITH A VIEW OF NORMALIZING THEIR RELATIONS AND THUS PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS DURABLE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION.

THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THIS REGION. THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. THEY TOOK NOTE THAT COMBINED FORCES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR FROM

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NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR EXERCISES, SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CENTO.

THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED ITS AGREEMENT THAT THE ECONOMIC PROGRAMME CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE CENTO PARTNERSHIP. THE COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CENTO TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES, ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRIES.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND NOTED THAT THE PROGRAMME OF SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES CONTINUED TO CREATE STILL BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.

REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND, THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE THAT THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE FUND HAD REACHED AN IMPRESSIVE TOTAL AND THEY DECIDED TO INCREASE THE FUND.

CONSIDERING THE CONTINUING THREATS OF SUBVERSION IN THE REGION, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO MEET SUCH EFFORTS WITH ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL. CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO HIM ON HIS FIRST ATTENDANCE AT THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO.

THE MINISTERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY. THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF.....TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION IN MAY 1976 IN END TEXT. MACOMBER

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